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For: OPERATING DEVICE COMPRISING A

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A DROP OF A LIQUID OF INTEREST

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RCE AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 27, 2011, please amend the patent application identified above as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page $\underline{2}$ of this paper.

Remarks begin on page <u>10</u> of this paper.